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1. As of early 1954 no visible changes in the structure, personnel, and policies of the Taegliche Rundschau had taken place. The newspaper maintained the same staff as in the last quarter of 1953.
2. The official circulation of the Taegliche Rundschau is still assessed at about 300,000 copies, but probably only about 200,000 copies are distributed.
3. The emphasis on giving greater coverage to German problems both in West and East Germany resulted in the establishment of two separate sections: the All-German Department and the East German Department, which already existed before but have now become two separate units. The All-German Department seems to be considered as a more important section. As reported previously, a former Karlshorst Russian official, Nikolayev (fnu), has been assigned as the Russian editor of this section. Nikolayev writes abundantly under the pseudonym of N. Keller. He has a firm control of the section, is very active and is one of the few Russian control officials who write their own articles. Nikolayev occupies a separate office on the second floor, room 30, but has no direct communication to Karlshorst. Though he has almost perfect command of German, he writes his articles in Russian. These articles are then translated in his office by Ellen Zunk, a translator of the newspaper. Nikolayev is married and is allegedly a very good family man who never misses a meal at home and hardly does any overtime work at the newspaper. He is very polite toward his German colleagues and is generally considered an intelligent journalist who differs considerably from the run-of-the-mill Russian editors because of his journalistic and linguistic competence. He was also expected to be one of the Taegliche Rundschau Russians to cover the Four Power Conference in Berlin. He is known to read very many West German newspapers such as the Stuttgarter Zeitung, Süd-Deutsche Zeitung, Aachener Nachrichten, Hamburger Zeitung, Die Neue Zeitung and the entire West Berlin press. He apparently knows some English, because he also reads the Times, Time (magazine), New Statesmen and Nation, and Newweek.
4. The Russian managing editor, Kubariova (fnu), is now being assisted by Gassalov (fnu), a young man of about 20; very small and slim; dark blonde

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hair: [] young individual who seems to be in training. He is considered a statistician and planner. Officially he is attached to Kubariova's office and is apparently being groomed to head a control section. He came to Taegliche Rundschau towards the middle of December 1953. He occupies room 73 on the third floor.

5. The Russian chief of the Cadre Section, Gusev (fnu), has returned from his leave of absence. The Russian woman who substituted for him during his absence has been identified as Bykova (fnu); her usual functions in the Taegliche Rundschau are not known.
6. The German editor-in-chief, Theo Grandy, has recently returned from a trip to Moscow and has submitted several very enthusiastic reports about his reception in Moscow. He headed a delegation of German Taegliche Rundschau personnel which visited the editorial and printing offices of Izvestiya and Pravda from 3 December to 24 December 1953. Other members of the Taegliche Rundschau staff who took part in this trip were: Spacek (fnu), Culture; Umann (fnu), Russian Section; Tröder (fnu), technical director of the printing plant; Kohnke (fnu), type setter; and one unidentified female employee. The delegation visited Moscow and spent one or two days in Leningrad. []

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[] the reception was extremely cordial but strictly controlled. The entire program of the trip was prearranged from the moment of the departure until the return.

7. A slight change in the SED party group occurred in December 1953. The former party secretary, Stiebietz (fnu), was replaced by Richard Gladewitz. Stiebietz has been transferred to the post of an editor in the Theory Department.

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1. Cf. [] paragraph 2.

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